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This issue of *Funding Alert* is focused on providing information and resources that relate to increasing community and civic involvement and enhancing cooperation among government and community in the District of Columbia. The "Community Grant Opportunities" section includes grant opportunities related to community and civic involvement that are currently open from all funders. The "District Opportunities" lists time-sensitive information for all subject areas (as usual). The "Community Resources" section covers online and community-based events and resources that assist with strategic involvement and collaboration. Please send comments and feedback about the special issue to fundingalert@dc.gov. Recommendations from readers about other community and civic resources that are available online or in the community that could be included in a future special issue would be greatly appreciated.

Community Grant Opportunities

Do Something: Youth Community Grants. *Do Something* is offering grants to students ages 12 to 18 to fund community projects. Students who believe that change is possible, are committed to strengthening their community, and want to work with others to achieve their goals should apply. The deadline is Oct 17, 2001. Grants of \$500 will be awarded. For more information, email; advice@dosomething.org. Also see www.dosomething.org

The Florence & John Schumann Foundation. *The Schuman Foundation Grants* provide funds for programs advancing effective governance and the environment nationwide. Areas of giving include education, public affairs, environment, citizen participation, public policy, and research. The foundation requests an initial 1 – 2 page letter of inquiry followed by a proposal submission. Deadlines are Jan 15th, April 15th and Aug 15th. For more information, call (973)783-6660.

Albert A. List Foundation, Inc. *The List Foundation* is an independent foundation giving to organizations that foster citizen participation in the democratic process. Program areas include civil liberties, civil rights, voter education, public affairs, first amendment, and citizen participation. Initial approach is a letter of inquiry. Deadlines for proposal submissions are January 1, May 1 and Sept. 1. For more information, call (212) 799-1090.

The Pew Charitable Trusts. *The Pew Charitable Trust* supports nonprofit activities in the areas of culture, education, the environment, health and human services, public policy and religion. Their purpose is to make strategic investments to help organizations and citizens develop practical solutions to difficult problems. Contact the foundation for a brochure on specific application guidelines and limitations in each program area. FAX (215) 575-4939; email: info@pewtrusts.com and website <http://www.pewtrusts.com>.

District Opportunities

Last Call! Even Start Family Literacy Program. *DC Public Schools, Categorical Programs and Development* announces funds to provide family literacy programs that involve parents and children from birth through age eight (8). The program is

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designed to break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy by improving the educational opportunities of the nation's low-income families. The deadline is September 21, 2001. Approximately \$439,000 is available for grants. The Request for Applications is available from the Office of Research and Analysis, 441 4th Street NW, Suite 400 South, Washington, DC. And online at http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.shtm. For additional information, contact (202) 727-7775.

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The DC Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grants. Notices and application packets are currently available online for the following program at http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.shtm

*Department of Health, HIV/AIDS Administration
FY2001/2002 Centralized Housing Information and
Assessment (CHIA)/Gatekeeper & Ryan White Title
II Grant*

Community Resources

Citizen Summit II. On October 6, 2001, all District residents, ages 13 and up, are invited to come together with government leaders at the Washington Convention Center to review the first draft of the 2002-2003 Citywide Strategic Plan. Citizen Summit II will give residents the opportunity to build on the successful work of the first summit. Each participant will comment on the draft plan and be asked to identify city-wide priorities as well as those that are specific to his or her neighborhood. The original Citizen Summit established five priority areas for the District. These priorities form the core of the strategic plan:

- ?? Strengthening Children, Youth, Families, and Individuals
- ?? Building and Sustaining Healthy Neighborhoods
- ?? Promoting Economic Development
- ?? Making Government Work
- ?? Enhancing Unity of Purpose and Democracy

As with the first Citizen Summit held in November 1999, this summit will combine face-to-face discussion with computer technology to ensure that every voice is heard.

Citizens unable to attend Citizen Summit II in person will be able to follow the events of the day through two sources. The summit will be broadcast live on Cable Channel 16, and will also be web cast live on the District's website: www.washingtondc.gov. If you have any questions or would like to register, please contact (202) 727-0882 or register online at <http://neighborhoodaction.dc.gov/register.htm>.

CivicSource. *Resources for Community Leaders and Grassroots Organizers.* Serves people involved in grassroots organizing and community leadership by providing relevant information resources and sharing strategies for using the Internet as an organizing tool. A wealth of information organized under the following categories: Children, Youth and Families; Government and Public Policy; Organizational Development; Community Development; Health; Social Justice; Environment; Information Technology; and, Web Resources. The website address is www.civicsource.org.

DC Vote. *The Coalition for DC Representation in Congress Education Fund.* An organization dedicated to educating the public and US Congress about the need for the citizens of the District of Columbia to enjoy full voting representation in the US House of Representatives and US Senate. Brings together organizations, citizens and other supporters. Regular volunteer meetings held the first Tuesday of each month at 15th and U Streets, NW at 6:30 pm. For more information, contact DC Vote at (202) 462-6000 or dcvote@dcvote.org.

Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan Meetings. The November 1999 Citizens' Summit set in motion an ambitious effort to connect District Government activities and District agency budgets to citizen priorities. A key component of this process has been to create Strategic Neighborhood Action Plans (SNAPs) for every neighborhood in the city. Meetings are being held across the District to validate the work that has been done and chart a course of action for accomplishing the identified priorities. The following meetings will be held over the next couple of weeks. If you have questions or comments, please contact the DC Office of Planning at (202) 442-7600 or email karina.ricks@dc.gov.

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- *Historic Anacostia*. Thursday, Sept. 20th
from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Anacostia
Professional Bldg, 2101 MLK Jr.
Avenue, SE.
- *Capitol Hill, Capitol East, Lincoln Park*.
Tuesday, Sept. 25th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm
at Payne Elementary School, 305 15th
Street, SE (enter from C Street).
- *Ward 7*. Tuesday, Sept. 25th from 6:00 –
8:00 pm at St. Luke's Church, 4925 E.
Capitol, SE.

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